REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to cross-reference the parent

application which is a PCT application designating the United States. Applicants have

amended claims2-12 and cancelled claim 13 to more fully conform with U.S. practice

and to delete multiple dependencies. None of the amendments constitute new matter in

contravention of 35 U.S.C.§132.

Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the International Search Report,

which issued on International Application number PCT/NO2004/000392. All of the

publications cited in the International Search Report are listed on the attached

Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants respectfully assert that all amendments are fairly based on the

specification, and respectfully request their entry.

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